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WHOLE NO 983

## MAFIA SOCIETY MAY EXIST HERE

**Strong Suspicions by Some That Such a Society Caused the Death of Mine Boss Frank Flaherty at Pinnickinnick Mine.**

**All Foreigners So Far Arrested Admit They Were There When the Killing Occurred but Evidently Sworn to Secrecy They Say They Do Not Know Who Did It.**

The failure of the officials to obtain any information from those who have been arrested in connection with the murder of Frank Flaherty, late mine boss at the Pinnickinnick coal mine, leads to the conclusion that there may be a regular Mafia gang in this section of the country. The fact has been established that several foreigners had been discharged and they did not entertain a very friendly feeling toward Flaherty, in fact, some of them had made threats to "fix" the boss, meaning Flaherty. The circumstances point to a well laid plot to kill him and it is stated that he was reluctant to attend the dance, fearing that harm might be done him, or that he might at least get into trouble with some of those who had it in for him.

In every instance all the men who have been arrested were at the dance. Most of them admit that much, but they profess to know nothing about how it happened, or who did it. They have all been put in the "sweet box" and the most searching inquiry has been made. Some of them were pressed so hard that they actually came to tears and seemed sorely distressed, but all the inquiry was in vain, and the officers know but little more about the circumstances than they did at the beginning of the investigation.

The last to undergo the ordeal of the "sweet box" was Felix Gualdo, the foreigner who was arrested Wednesday night by Constable Guy Merritt and others and jailed. He was questioned closely Thursday night by Ignatius Edinger, who has been the interpreter in the case all along. But the inquiry failed so far as getting any other information that that he was present at the dance, when the murder occurred.

There is scarcely a doubt that all these fellows know who did the killing and how it was done, but it may be they have been sworn to secrecy, just as the rules of the Mafia society require.

The latest version of the matter is that Flaherty was murdered in the room and his body then thrown out. The scratches and bruises on his face might have been the result of the body coming in contact with the edges of the porch and the frozen ground, but since there were four or five women present, it is possible that in their frenzy some of these jumped onto him after he fell in the room and tried to scratch his eyes out.

The indications of the existence of the sort of society mentioned are so strong that the matter should be thoroughly investigated from this view point and measures taken to crush it out, if it actually exists.

**FATHER O'CONNOR'S SUCCESSOR NOT YET APPOINTED**

Bishop P. J. Donahue informed the Telegram Friday that a successor to the late Rev. Daniel O'Connor had not been appointed and he has not as yet set a date for the making of the appointment. Rev. John Reynolds, who is temporarily in charge of the church here, will in all probability be the appointee.

## THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA.

Miss Ethel Leach is ill at her home on South Second street, threatened with pneumonia, and has not been able to be at her post of duty at the Bell telephone exchange. The many patrons of that system miss her very much and hope she will soon recover.

## KIDNAPPERS

**OF DOGS ARE BUSY IN ORDER TO GET THE REWARDS OFFERED.**

Number of Dogs Stolen and Concealed Until "Lost" Advertisement Appears in the "Want" Columns of the Telegram.

Kidnappers are abroad in the land. Only a week ago the Telegram told about two young men carrying a young girl away from her home at Rinehart. Since then it has dawned upon the city that there are other kind of kidnappers and judging from the "lost" advertisements in the Telegram's very popular "want" columns, these fellows have given their entire attention to dogs.

It is claimed they take possession of every dog they get their eyes on and keep them in hiding until a reward is offered for their return. A number of dogs have been taken in this way and for this purpose and the rewards have been forthcoming. But at last it has been revealed that some people are making a business of kidnapping dogs and there is likely to be some trouble soon. It can be felt in the atmosphere and men who think as much of their dogs as they do of themselves are about to start out on the war-path and it looks rather unfeeling for the dog kidnapper.

## DUSTER

**Drilled in on the Whiteman Farm in the Wallace Oil Field--News From Other Fields.**

In the Wallace district in this county, the same company has completed its test on the T. P. Whiteman farm, and has a duster.

The same company has drilled its No. 1 on the A. A. Stout farm through the fifth sand, and found nothing. It was shot in the fourth sand, and developed a little oil, but will hardly make a paying producer.

## FATALLY BURNED

**Was Young Woman in Fire Caused By an Explosion and a Man is in a Critical Condition.**

By Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 29—Fire in the Cosmopolitan building to-day caused by an explosion of chemicals, caused a loss of \$75,000.

Miss Vestra will probably die from burns received. Edward Stokes who carried her down the fire escape is in a critical condition.

## BISHOP HENDRICKS ON WAY TO PHILIPPINES

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Jan. 29—Bishop T. A. Hendricks, of Rochester, N. Y., who was recently appointed to Cebu, Philippine Islands, arrived here this morning on the way to the Philippines.

## DAMAGE SUIT BEING TRIED.

Judgment was given the defendant Friday in circuit court in the case of the Oil Well Supply Company against Dr. M. J. Bartlett and others.

The trial of the \$15,000 damage suit of Carrie McKiever against the city on account of the filling of the street grade in front of her property was begun.

## BLACK FIEND SENTENCED

**AT WHEELING BY JUDGE JORDAN, WHO WAS SORRY IT COULD BE NO MORE.**

**FLAM HONAKER, COLORED, ASSAILANT OF SISTER ALMA, GETS FIVE YEARS IN PEN.**

Must Serve Twenty Years in all, Having in Addition Been Sentenced Fifteen Years For Burglary of the St. John's Orphanage.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 29—"I am sorry I cannot sentence you more," was the statement made by Judge L. S. Jordan, of the Criminal Court, as he gave Flam Honaker five years for his attempted rape of Sister Alma, last evening.

Honaker was tried on this charge in addition to the charge of burglary of the St. John's Orphanage, for which he, Jim Lucas and Tom Easton were jointly indicted. For burglary the court gave Honaker the limit, fifteen years, and Lucas, who turned state's evidence, he gave the minimum sentence of five years.

In his argument for the state, Prosecuting Attorney Frank W. Nesbitt said he was prompted by no race prejudice. "On the contrary," he exclaimed eloquently, "if he were a white man I should be for having him torn to pieces, limb from limb, for a white man's opportunities are greater and likewise his responsibilities."

Honaker was defended by Thomas W. Norris, the brilliant colored justice of the peace of this city. He tried to prove an alibi.

## LEAP YEAR PARTY

**Young Ladies Acted As Escorts At Novel But Charming Social Affair Given By Misses Flora and Nannie Long Thursday Evening.**

A charming and novel social function was given by Misses Flora and Nannie Long at their home on Mechanic street Thursday evening. The affair was in the nature of a "leap year party," and the novel feature was that the young ladies, according to the customs and traditions of the leap year, chivalrously took the part of the young gentlemen and escorted and cared for them during the evening. The young gentlemen also acted their parts properly and were as coy, shy, demure and bashful as they could possibly pretend to be.

The evening was passed very enjoyable, many social diversions occupying the time which to all seemed too short when the hour for home-going arrived. Those who were present and shared in the festivities of the evening were: Misses Anna Hogill, Minnie Huggill, Mayne Pritchard, Myra Pritchard, Gay Lynch, Love Reeder, Gertrude Boggers, Bessie Boggers, Anna Rittenhouse, Flora Rittenhouse, Anna Payne, Arella Martin, and Messrs. Edmond Peck, Arthur Thompson, Dean, Warden Ballard, Pierre Lorenz, Alderson, Lynn, C. D. Sturm, William Oble, Felix Sutton and Arthur Parsons.

## NEW NURSE ARRIVES.

Miss Nellie Garrison arrived here on Friday from Wadestown and accepted a position as nurse in the Clarksburg City Hospital. She has had experience and is proficient.

## A MODEL Y. M. C. A. HOME.



The Young Men's Christian Association Building at Montclair, New Jersey.

The above photographic reproduction represents the beautiful building erected for the Young Men's Christian Association of Montclair, New Jersey, at a cost of about \$60,000, including the lot.

The building movement which was started in this city some time ago, but which was not completed is now being talked up again and certainly ought to be pushed forward as soon as possible. The question of the cost or the question as to how much the citizens of Clarksburg are willing to subscribe for such a building is now being discussed and a conservative estimate is being urged.

## SENIOR CLASS GRADUATES

**UPPER CLASS OF JUNIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE OF GOFF CHURCH TO GRADUATE INTO SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

**EXERCISES WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE CHURCH TO-NIGHT AT 7:30 O'CLOCK.**

Very Interesting Programme Will Be Carried Out at Close of Which a Reception Will Be Tendered in the Lecture Room--The Public Is Invited to Attend.

The graduating exercises of the senior class of the Junior Epworth League of Goff Methodist church, will be held in the church auditorium to-night at half past seven o'clock. There are twenty-six graduates. They have been preparing for the graduating exercises for some time past and of course they, as well as their parents, relatives and friends have been looking forward to the event with pleasurable anticipation. The Epworth League is divided into two departments, the junior and senior departments. The graduating class is the senior class of the junior department and they graduate into the senior department.

The following is the very interesting programme which will be carried out: Organ voluntary, "Gloria from Twelfth Mass," arranged by Hiles. Hymn 656, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Charles Wesley.

Prayer. Anthem, "Rejoice and Sing," Charles Gabriel, Second choir.

Scriptural lesson, Ps. 119, 9-16; 33-40. (Read respectively.)

Gloria Patri. "Sketch of the Life of John Wesley," Gussie Gathrie.

Quartet, "The Epworth Band," John R. Sweeney, May Wright, Mary Coffield, Raymond Lockwood, Samuel Hardman.

"Early Methodists, and Methodism in the United States," Caroline Andrews. Trio, "Dream On," from the German. Mabel Fletcher, Edna Handman, Beulah Staehle.

Recitation, "The Leper," N. P. Willis. Lillian Harris.

Duet, "Over the Stars There is Rest," Fraz Abt--Nellie Fletcher and Blanche Hursey.

"Our 'Junior League' Epworth League," John B. Smith, Jr. "Chorus, 'League Rallying Song,' by John R. Sweeney.

Presentation of Diplomas--Rev. S. K. Arbuthnot.

Presentation of Epworth League Badges--Pres. F. H. Rhodes.

Doxology and benediction. Postlude.

A reception will be given in the lecture room of the church immediately following the close of the programme to which all are cordially and earnestly invited.

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## OPERATORS AVERT STRIKE

**BY DECIDING TO MAKE NO REDUCTION IN MINERS WAGES THIS YEAR.**

**TWENTY OR MORE OPERATORS GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO 9,000 MEN SO DECIDE.**

Strike Was Threatened Next Spring, in New River Territory, If Wages Were Reduced in That Section.

By Associated Press.

Fayetteville, W. Va., Jan. 29—Twenty or more coal operators on New river, who are employing nine thousand miners have decided to make no reduction in the miners' wages this year.

This averts a strike in the New River territory this year, which was threatened, if wages were not maintained at present figures.

## WEDDING

**Solemnized at Wilsonburg Friday Night, With Two Popular Young People Contracting.**

The marriage of Michael J. Leonard and Miss Bertha Swiger was solemnized at Wilsonburg Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Strother and was performed by Rev. C. A. Snider, pastor of the Methodist church. A number of friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bridegroom is a native of Preston county, but is engaged in railroading with headquarters at Wilsonburg. The bride is a daughter of Hugh Swiger and a popular young lady among her many friends and acquaintances. They will reside at Wilsonburg.

## GUSHER

**Comes on the Griffin Farm on Jacobs' Run, at Salem--Is Flowing Forty Barrels on Hour.**

A gusher is reported from Salem. It came in Friday morning on the Isaac N. Griffin farm on Jacobs' Run, only a short distance from the main street of the town and started off at 40 barrels an hour or at the rate of 1,200 barrels a day. Much excitement has been caused by the coming in of such a big well. No such big flow was expected and an amount of oil was wasted for lack of tankage facilities.

## FAULTY

**Supreme Court Finds the Indictment Against an Ex-Mayor and Gives Him His Liberty By Quashing It.**

By Associated Press.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 29—Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, who was convicted of receiving money from women illegally while Mayor, is now a free man. The Supreme Court has found the indictment faulty in its text and has quashed it.

## MINERS AND OPERATORS CONFERENCE

**Between Delegates From Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois Delayed By Caucus of Operators.**

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 29—The opening of the joint conference between the miners and operators of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, was delayed this morning by the operators holding a caucus to formulate their plans. The Indiana and Illinois operators stand for conservative demands, but those from Ohio and Western Pennsylvania favor demands for a fifteen to twenty per cent. reduction in wages. The operators may split on the question before the week is ended.

The miners demand the absolute run of the mine for the entire and complete field, also a difference of seven cents between pick and machine mining. The demand the present price for pick mining in the Pittsburgh district, Ohio, Indiana, and in the Great Creek district of Illinois.

G. M. Fleming is in the city from Buckhannon attending to business matters.

## 114 BODIES REMOVED FROM HARWICK MINE

**Searchers are in Butt Entries Where the Explosion Occurred and More Time Will be Required to Disentangle Bodies From Debris.**

**Inspectors Have Established Cause of Disaster--Funerals of Victims Occurred Yesterday and Today--Recovery and Identification of Bodies Goes on Slowly.**

## WILL BE A PENNY PAPER.

By Associated Press.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 29—The Commercial and Advertiser announces that beginning on February 1st, that paper will be sold for one cent a copy instead of two cents, and the name will be changed to Globe and Commercial Advertiser.

## CONFAB

**HELD PRIVATELY HERE BY SEVERAL DEMOCRATS OF THE COUNTY FRIDAY.**

**Candidate For Prosecuting Attorney Present at Star-Chamber Meeting and His Aspirations May Have Been Discussed.**

A Democratic confab took place here Friday, as it was styled by some of those present. It was held privately in one of the public buildings and Col. M. J. Francis, of Wilsonburg; Ernest Randolph, of Salem; and Charles F. Holden, the county clerk of this city, and others participated. The exact nature of the star-chamber conference was not disclosed, but it is understood that it had something to do with Randolph's aspirations to the prosecuting attorneyship, although a year and a half ago the Democratic county convention could not in face him under any circumstances to accept a nomination, which was tendered him at that time.

## SUCCESSFUL

**And Enjoyable Was the Social and Reception Given at Home of Mrs. Receptor Under Auspices of the Ladies' of the G. A. R.**

The reception and social given at the home of Mrs. Lydia Receptor Thursday evening under the auspices of the Richard Wallace Circle, Ladies' of the Grand Army of the Republic, was a very successful and highly enjoyable affair. A large number attended and participated in the social pleasures of the evening. The affair was in the nature of a benefit, a silver offering being taken at the door for the fund which the circle has started for the purpose of erecting a handsome monument in memory of the Union soldiers of the Civil War. The proceeds were highly gratifying to the members. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

## TELEPHONE

**Systems at Ironton, Ashland and Cattlesburg Have Been Sold and It Is Said Central Union Telephone Co. Has Gobbled Them Up.**

By Associated Press.

Ironton, Ohio, Jan. 29—The Lawrence Telephone Company's property here has been exchanged. The branch telephone systems at Ashland and Cattlesburg, Ky., have been sold and it is said the purchaser is the Central Union Telephone Company.

## POULTRY YARD

**Which is to Be of Extensive Proportions, Opened up on Maud Street in This City, By Newcomers.**

A poultry yard that is to be of extensive proportions has been opened in this city by Messrs. J. T. Meas, of Rochester, N. Y., and Herman Struber, of Frederickburg, Md. These gentlemen have formed a partnership and secured a piece of property on Maud street. They start off with four large incubators and two big brooders besides about 125 three-quartered chickens which they produced in eastern markets at high prices. They are poultry fanciers of much experience and will no doubt meet with big success in their venture in this city.

## By Associated Press.

Cheswick, Pa., Jan. 29—One hundred and fourteen bodies have been brought from the Harwick mine. The searchers are now in the south course, exploring the butt entries. It was here that the explosion occurred and much time will be required to disentangle the bodies from the debris.

Inspectors have found the exact spot where the mine was fired and established the cause of the disaster.

A shot imperfectly tamped worked the havoc. A falling fire ignited the gas and an inevitable explosion resulted. Despite the condition of bodies demanding busy work the identification goes on slowly.

The mine shaft was again plugged with ice this morning requiring three hours work before forty-eight searchers could descend.

## Funeral of the Victims.

The first funerals of the victims were held yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The Rev. E. O. Graham, of the Lutheran church, and Rev. Vincent Manelli, of the Italian Catholic church, of New Kingston, were in charge. Out in the open air in front of the blacksmith shop where the confined bodies of the men have been placed were gathered the relatives and friends of those that have been identified.

The caskets were placed in a group along one side of the building with the ministers who were to perform the last rites standing by them. The bodies of those miners who belonged to the Catholic church were placed in a group by themselves and over them the priest stood until all were ready to be moved to the cemetery. It was a short and simple service, only a few words and a prayer, and then the journey to the cemetery began. There a short service was held, the caskets were lowered into the graves, and for the friends and surviving relatives, the last incident of the great disaster was over.

More funerals were held this afternoon.

## Mine Inspector Fixes Cause.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29—Mine Inspector Cunningham has discovered the cause of the explosion in the Harwick mine. It was from a shot not properly tamped, which threw bits of burning paper from the hole.

## UNCERTAINTY

**IN THE FAR EAST CAUSES JAPANESE FINANCIAL HOUSES NOT TO NEGOTIATE BILLS.**

**Japanese Minister Has No Idea What Russia's Reply to His Government's Note Will Contain.**

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 29—It is feared by the Pall Mall Gazette that all Japanese financial houses in London have received instructions not to negotiate any financial bills at this time.

Peculiar significance is given this in view of the uncertainty of affairs in the far east.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to London, to-day said he had not the slightest idea what would be contained in Russia's reply to the latest note of the Japanese government. The reply has not left St. Petersburg as yet.

## EXPLOSION

**Of Gas in a French Cafe Kills Ten People and Seriously Injures Five Others.**

By Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 29—An explosion of gas in a cafe in the village of Nogman to-day killed ten persons and five more were seriously injured, possibly fatally.

R. H. Harrison, of Weston, is here on business.

G. H. Kunst, of Gratton, is a guest at the Traders' hotel.